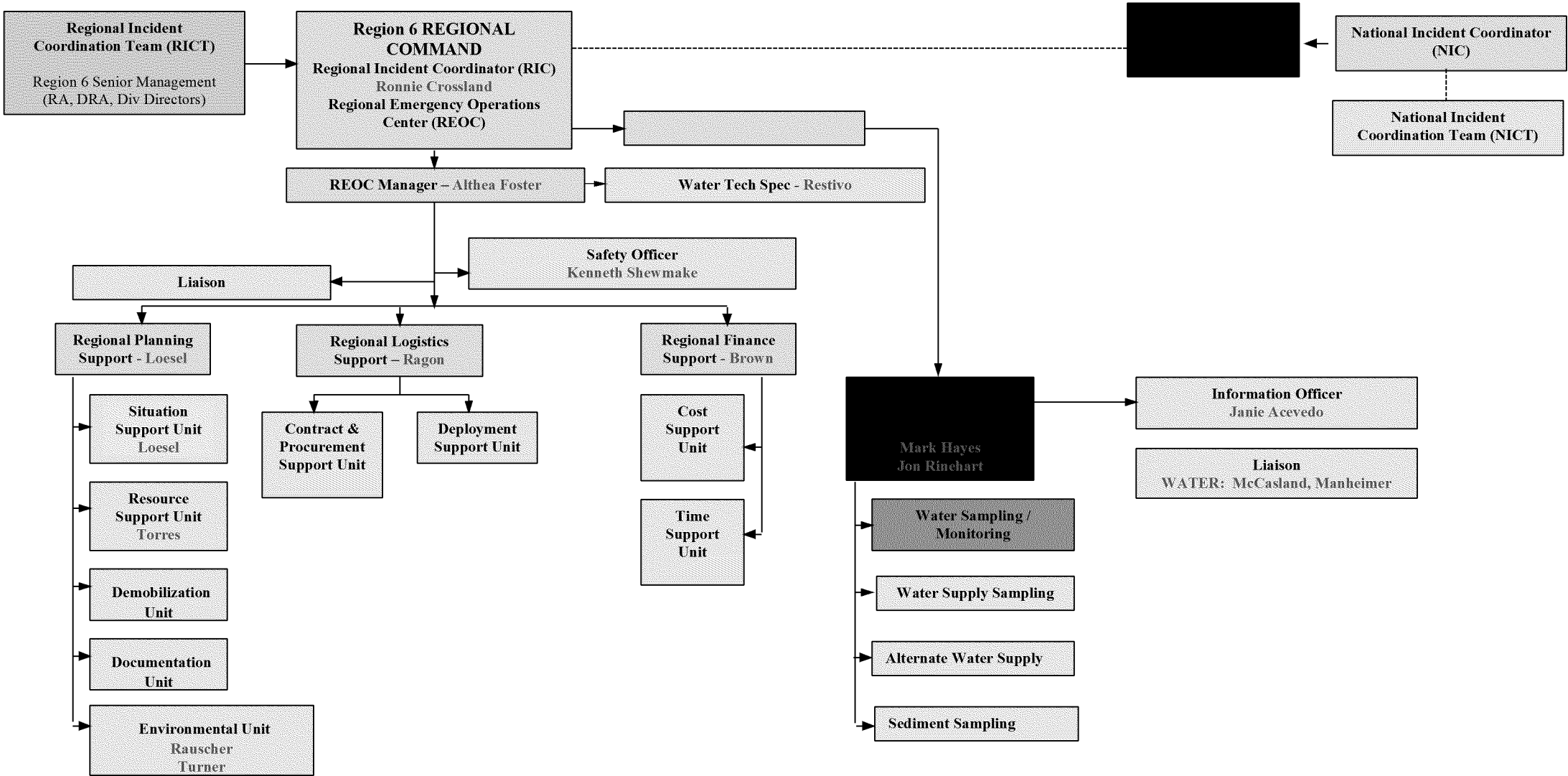




USEPA – Region 2 Regional & Incident Command Structure for Hurricane/Tropical Storm Sandy Operations

Regional Level – Strategic Command



Field Level - Tactical Operations

Regional Command and Coordination Implementation Guidance

EPA Regional Incident Coordinator (RIC): The RIC will be the Chief, Response and Prevention Branch for this incident. The RIC will seek guidance, direction, and interact with the RICT whenever necessary.

Regional Command Responsibilities: Regional Command does not replace individual Incident Commander's authority and responsibility, but does provide an intermediate dedicated level of command between Incident Commanders and Agency Administrators. Regional Command has the responsibility to:

- Set overall agency incident-related priorities;
- Support all Incident Commanders in the Field;
- Allocate critical resources based on priorities;
- Ensure that incidents are managed properly;
- Ensure communications are sustained, there is a common operating picture, and reports are published; and
- Ensure that incident(s) objectives are met and do not conflict with each other or with agency policy.

RIC and IC Interaction: When Regional Command is established, Incident Commander(s) for the incidents under the authority of the Regional Command will report to the RIC/Deputy RIC. The RIC is accountable to the agency executive (i.e., RA, DRA, and RICT).

Legend

- Solid Lines Depict Command & Control
- Dotted Lines are lines of communication/information sharing
- Denotes the missions not yet requested